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In Brief

Teams sought for Cabin Fever Days Basketball Tourney

Participants are sought for a round-robin basketball tournament.

The Cabin Fever Days Basketball Tournament will be held at on Friday, Feb. 27 at the school gym.

"We want people to come to Town Hall and sign up," said Darlene Watson, special events coordinator for the town.

The tournament starts at 5 p.m.

"We're looking for teams to play the high school team, such as EMS, teachers, alumni, or whoever can form a team. To sign up, call Darlene at Town Hall (387-5522) or e-mail dwatson@silverton.co.us.

Silverton Science Fair: 5:30 today

The Silverton Science Fair is scheduled for today, Thursday, Feb. 19, at 5:30 p.m. in the Silverton School Performing Arts Center/

All are welcome to attend and see the great projects from Silverton middle and high school students.

Judges are needed. Please contact Paul Joyce at 387-5544.

Snowmobile Family Fun Day is Sunday

Silverton Snowmobile Club schedule:

- Feb. 22 — Family Fun Days and Pot Luck 10 am Molas.
- March 7 — Radar Detector Run sign up 9 a.m.-11 a.m. run starts @ 11 a.m. to finish, must be 16 years and older.
- March 8 — Drag Races, sign up 9 11a.m.; race starts at 11 a.m. to finish, must be 16 years and older.
- March 15 — Special needs fun days with San Juan Sleds, Molas Lake @ 9 a.m.
- March 28 — Annual Club Dinner and Moonlight Ride to Deer Park and bonfire. Must be a member to attend the Dinner. Mix & Mingle 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6, Grand Imperial.

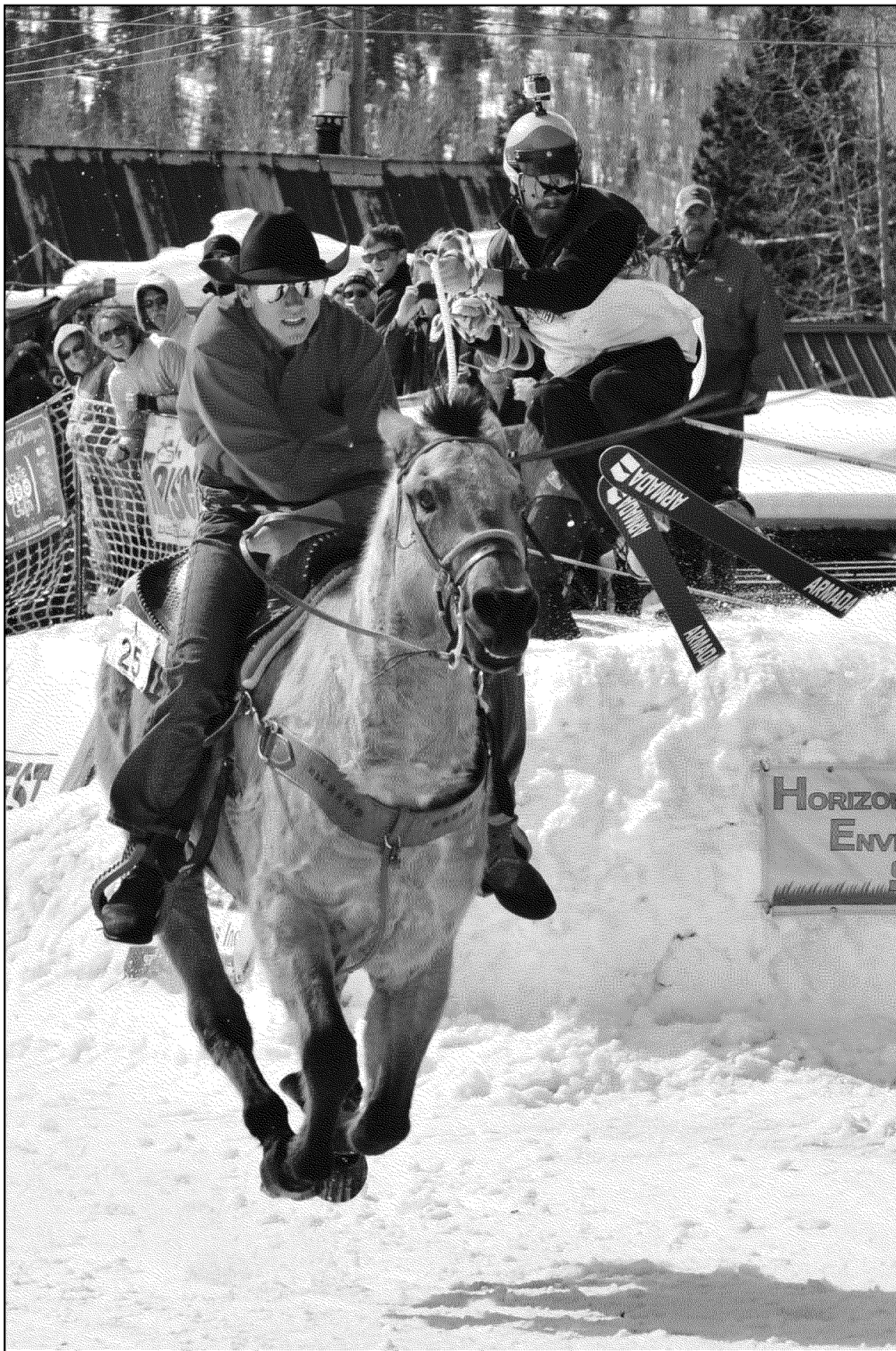
Caldera belly dance performance Friday

Join Caldera Belly Dance for a fun evening of mesmerizing American Tribal Style dance performances at Silverton Montanya on Friday Feb. 20.

ATS is a modern dance form that combines influences from Spain, India and the Middle East into a unique, improvisational format.

Two sets: 7 and 8 p.m. The show is family friendly and
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Thrills and spills on Blair Street!



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Rich Weber, riding Bow, pulls a skier over a jump on Sunday during the Silverton Skijoring Festival on Blair Street. Huge crowds came to town to watch the spectacle. More photos, Pages 5-9

Skijoring fest draws huge crowds to town

Cowboys and cowgirls on horses and skis flew up Blair Street in downtown Silverton Saturday and Sunday afternoons, thrilling huge crowds under clear skies.

It was the sixth annual Silverton Skijoring festival, with \$6,000 — as well as prizes such as custom Carhart embroidered jackets — up for grabs to the teams with the fastest times over the jumps and grabbing the requisite rings.

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Organizer Pete Maisel said that at least 30 truckloads of snow were hauled in to get the course in shape.

He thanked the town's public works crew and Bill Alsup for the grooming.

"Bill had to groom it several times," Maisel said.

And Maisel said the event could not have happened without the countless volunteers patrolling the course and providing administrative support.

"The whole town jumped in," Maisel said.

Hotels and restaurants were packed over the weekend, making it the Skijoring Festival again the largest event of the winter for the town.

Despite a couple of ferocious crashes by skiers, and a horse losing its footing past the finish line, no serious injuries were reported.

Special election set for May 12

Another Town Council seat up for grabs

With Silverton having just completed an exhausting and bitter recall election campaign, the Town Council last week scheduled another special election, this time for May 12, to fill a vacant council seat.

Tracy Boeyink resigned from the Town Council effective last December upon her moving to New Mexico. The Town Council was unable to decide on a replacement within 60 days, thus forcing the special election, per state law.

"It's the nearest time we can schedule the election and still give about two weeks for petitions to be circulated," Garcia told the Town Council.

Those interested in running for the Town Council seat may obtain a petition at Town Hall. The signatures of 10 registered voters is required to get on the ballot.

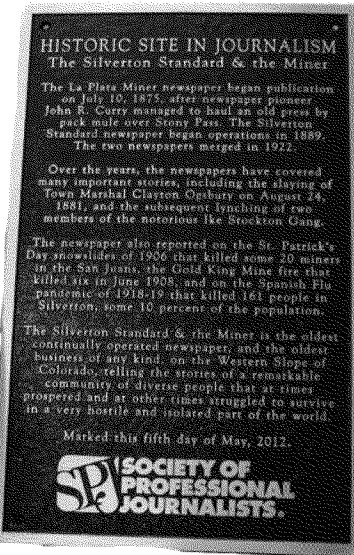
Petitions are due by Feb. 27.

Tiffany deKay told the *Standard* that she would seek election to the Town Council. But Mayor Chris Tookey, staffing the front desk at Town Hall on Wednesday, said no one had yet taken out petitions to run for the seat.

At the Feb. 11 Town Council meeting Trustee David Zaroni raised the matter of town trustees

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Juan community informed,
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community and its future.
Letters to the editor may be
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A wild ride on Blair Street!

By Mark Esper

The sixth annual Silverton Skijoring Festival last weekend was another huge hit, and despite concerns that the course would not withstand near summer-like temperatures, in the end conditions were great.

The town crew and Silverton's snow groomer Bill Alsop somehow made it work, with dozens of truckloads of snow hauled in and spread atop an icy base on

Guest OpInION
Blair Street.
Horses and skiers — and gobs of snow churned up by them — were all flying in shirt-sleeve weather under sunny skies, to the delight of huge crowds.

That, on top of the fantastic Silverton Snowscape and Silverton Whiteout fat-tire bike race the previous weekend, has helped to ease a lot of the tension in town.

The Town Council recall elec-

tion is behind us, and although another town special election looms on May 12, we can at least be hopeful things will not get as bitter as last time.

READERS MAY NOTICE an amended letters to the editor policy on the Opinion Page. Actually it's no real change from what I announced nearly eight years ago when I came here. Letters should be 300 words or less, pertinent
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Yeehaw! Get ready for snow

By Freddie Canfield

Something about Saturdays — so far in February — hotter than hot!
First Saturday was a joyfully healing and regenerating three-ring circus of celebration. What with a resurgent Snowscape, Kicksled Rodeo and our very first Silverton Whiteout.

Second Saturday soared way up to a hither-to-for unimaginable 57.2. Actually aloha shirt and bathing suit weather!

Five days in the 50s, then three days in the mid-40s, followed by 53 on Friday preceded Saturday's record-breaking thermal spike.

Did the ensuing slush-out and meltdown deter our capable and courageous course creators? Decidedly not.

All of us rolled up our sleeves and repeatedly adapted and accomplished whatever it took to make Silverton Skijoring VI just as accessible, safe and smooth as possible. Game on! We did it!

We all dropped the dead weight of our difficulties — feeling a world better for it — got off of it, and got on with it. Yee haw!

Cultural hybridization is the cure for it all. Getting competitive quarter-horse cowboy culture ski racing culture and the wide-open range of our own diverse community into the mix.

Our one for all/all for one, all for fun in Silverton weekend celebration reinforced and reinvigorated all of us — just when we needed it. Yee haw!

Our Flying Horse Family get-together is nothing exclusive. We are all inclusive. Get with us when

Weather and Observations

Date	High	Low	Precip., conditions
Feb. 11	44	4	Partly overcast
Feb. 12	46	4	Virtually clear
Feb. 13	53	7	Clear
Feb. 14	57	7	Clear thin
Feb. 15	46	10	.3", near clear
Feb. 16	28	-8	.8", Clear
Feb. 17	31	-7	Clear
Season total: 69.5 inches			

we do it all over again next Presidents Day Weekend. We guarantee you will never regret it and that you will never be the same. Yee haw!

Sunday just like previous Horse Skijoring Sundays, cooled right down. So Monday morning we had 0.3 inches measurable with 28.2 the high for the day. A minus 8.4 bottom-out Tuesday and a high of 30.9.

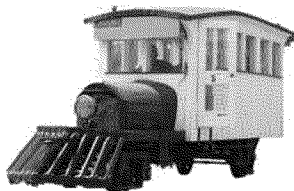
Wednesday morning hit 1.4 above each of these are this February's coldest readings so far.

What's next? Besides lots of great photos and in-its-own-good-time video takes on the weekends that were, let's check our weather future:

That blocking West Coast upper level high pressure ridge isn't done with us.

Even so, following a short warm up, this weekend winter will likely come roaring back for real out of the far northwest.

So get ready for snow! Maybe again mid-week. Stay tuned for more.



From the Standard
Mail Car

Standard not yellow

Editor;

KUDOS to the Silverton Standard and Miner for fair journalism! Our only knowledge about issues in Silverton in the winter is through the Standard, and we were unable to choose sides in the recent recall election because the coverage appeared so balanced.

We subscribe to two daily and two weekly newspapers, and have learned to recognize "yellow journalism," but have not seen any in the Miner.

Sincerely,

— Allan F. Samuels, Mesa, Arizona

Seeking info on old POW tram system

Editor;

For the past 15 years my brother and I have been surveying aerial tramways of San Juan County. We have very few still to survey this summer. We are creating a book to make our research available to a wider audience. It will include our surveys and also a short history of each mine having a tram and detailed information about the types of trams in the county.

We have run into a problem with the Pride of the West, in that it apparently had four trams running over the side of Green Mountain and we have not been able to find when they were installed, what company made them, the type of tram (number of buckets, operation, etc.), or how long they were in use.

We do know that the first tram was installed in spring 1898 but we don't know whether this was just one of the trams or several and we know nothing further about it.

This letter is a request that anyone having any information about the Pride of the West trams will let us know so that we can complete the information on these trams.

We can be reached at 955 Mesquite Drive, Coralville, IA 52241 or at djthayer@mchsi.com

— David and Douglas Thayer, the Tram Boys

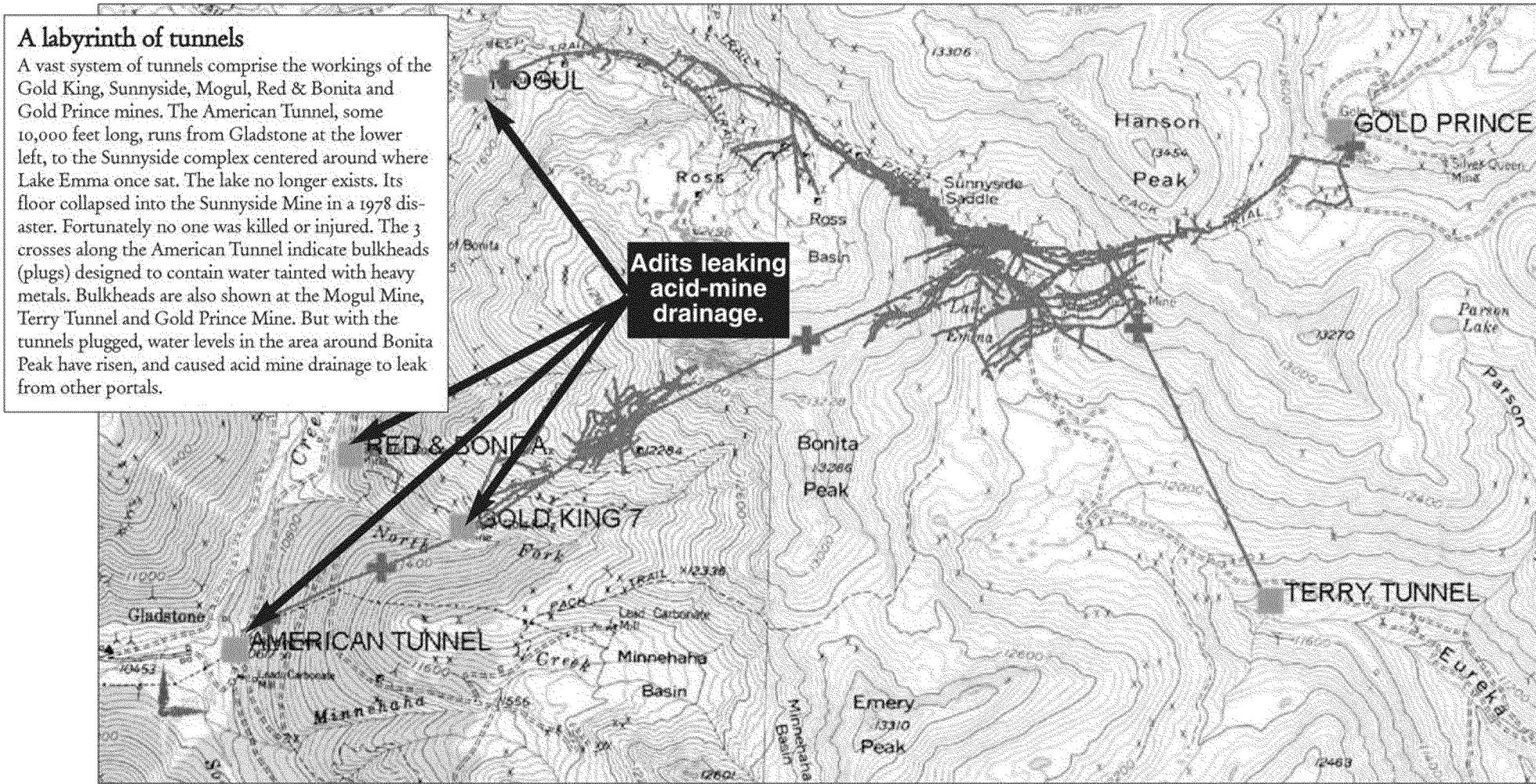
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Write to us

The Silverton Standard & the Miner welcomes letters to the editor. Send letters via e-mail to editor@silvertonstandard.com, or via snail mail to, Editor, Silverton Standard & the Miner, P.O. Box 8, Silverton, CO 81433.

Signed letters and articles are the responsibility of the author and do not necessarily represent the opinion of the editor. Letters to the editor should be no longer than 300 words and will be edited at the editor's discretion for length. Letters should be pertinent to community issues.

Opinion pieces longer than 300 words will be published at the editor's discretion.



Sunnyside drafting plans for water-quality projects

By Mark Esper

Sunnyside Gold Corp. has begun drafting “investigative work plans” to address water-quality concerns related to the American Tunnel mine portal at Gladstone and the Mayflower Mill and tailings area north of Silverton.

In a Feb. 16 letter to the EPA, BLM and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Sunnyside’s president, Lauren Roberts, said “we have already commenced the effort of preparing the work plans.”

Last month the EPA, BLM and CDPHE asked Sunnyside to draft a study of the American Tunnel and the Mayflower complex. The study would determine “the potential contribution to impaired water quality” in the Animas.

In November 2010, the EPA announced it was conducting studies of acid-mine drainage in upper Cement Creek to see if the problem was serious enough to warrant National Priority Site listing under CERCLA, the Compre-

hensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, commonly known as Superfund.

The agency subsequently reported that the contamination emanating from mine adits at Gladstone on Cement Creek was indeed bad enough to warrant CERCLA listing.

But in April 2012, the EPA said it was dropping its pursuit of such listing, due to opposition from the community.

Sunnyside Gold subsequently pledged up to \$10 million toward a collaborative effort to address the mine runoff entering Cement Creek and the Animas River.

And in April last year Sunnyside proposed a 3-year collaborative push to implement a cleanup of Cement Creek in the Animas River.

The “Game Plan” outlined by Sunnyside Gold in 2014 indicated a 300 gallon-per-minute lime treatment plant could be built at or near Gladstone for \$4 million, leaving \$6 million to fund operations for some 20 years.

In its Feb. 16 response to the state and federal agencies, Roberts said Sunnyside would contribute “up to \$750,000 in cash and management time to draft and commence implementation of the first phase of the work plans.”

This would be part of the \$10 million that Sunnyside has already offered to improve water quality in the Animas, Roberts indicated.

“Two things are guiding our development of the draft work plans,” Roberts said. “First, the work plans will focus on the problem. The problem is metals loading in the Animas. Second, the work plans will focus on what is required to understand the problem. Knowledge for the sake of knowledge and endless studies are not constructive.”

And Robert said that Sunnyside will support implementation of the work plans under the provision that “Sunnyside and its affiliates will be protected from liabilities rising out of the implementation of the work plans in

a manner satisfactory to Sunnyside.”

Roberts said Sunnyside “is ultimately protected from liabilities pursuant to the 1996 consent decree” governing clean-up efforts in the basin.

Roberts expressed concern that “agency personnel can change over time and it is important that Sunnyside be protected from the possibility of future allegations of liabilities and the protection for vexatious and expensive litigation.”

Roberts said Sunnyside will agree to undertake implementation of the work plans, as resources are available, “with priority given to the Mayflower Work Plan.”

And in the meantime plans are moving forward to bulkhead the Red & Bonita Mine this summer in a \$1.5 million project funded by the EPA.

The concrete bulkhead plugging the Red & Bonita mine entrance will include a valve to allow sampling of water and restore the flow from the mine if necessary.

The Red & Bonita is among four abandoned mine adits above Gladstone that are pouring hundreds of gallons of acid-mine drainage per minute into Cement Creek. The situation has worsened in the last few years.

The drainage from just those four mine adits now represents about half the metals loading in the Animas River below Cement Creek.

And that’s having an impact downstream in the Animas, where four out of five trout species have disappeared since 2005 in the Cascade Creek area. Environmental officials point to dissolved zinc in the water as the primary culprit.

As for the Mayflower tailings and mill site, studies indicate that in mid-March, when metal concentrations are highest, about 85 to 95 percent of the metals seen in the Animas at the gauging station just above Cement Creek come into the river below Howardsville.

And a lot of that loading is coming from below Arrastra Gulch.

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to community issues, and refrain from personal attacks, libel and profanity.

Opinion pieces longer than 300 words are published at the discretion of the editor.

Usually this is no problem at all. Most of the time I don’t get enough letters, so if someone writes 500 words I don’t worry about it.

But in the heat of the recall election it did get out of control.

Newspapers commonly limit writers to one letter a month. But again, that’s something that has rarely been a problem at the *Standard*, except in a heated dispute such as that which we just endured.

By the way, I run virtually every letter to the editor I receive (except for the Astro-turf political letters newspapers commonly get from all over the country).

The last real letter I remember rejecting was one from a reader in Tennessee warning me about 2012

and Mayan prophecy. He canceled his subscription, but I think he survived 2012.

At any rate, I am planning to tighten the reins on letters just a bit. If someone has a really thoughtful commentary up to 750 words or so, I’ll almost certainly find room. But there will be no more lengthy, repetitive rants.

And I am likely to adhere to a more rigid definition of the term “personal attack” to try to encourage more civil discourse.

The letters that I (and *Standard* readers) like most are the ones from people remembering their adventures in Silverton years ago. And if they come with old photos, that’s even better.

WHAT WE REALLY NEED is a big dose of a real winter.

The mild temperatures and sunny skies may be pleasant, but we all know that Silverton without a hard winter is just not really Silverton.

Our dwindling snowpack is

already raising concerns about fire danger in the spring.

OVER AT THE SAN JUAN County Historical Society Archives Building, Bev Rich is pretty much moved into her new office, now that she’s retired as county treasurer.

And Casey Rich reports that \$9,000 has been raised so far for an upcoming stabilization project for the Old Hundred Boarding House. The historical society is seeking matching funds for a project to anchor the “Castle in the Sky” more firmly to Galena Mountain and to secure the building from ravenous marmots.

To help out, send a check to the San Juan County Historical Society, P.O. Box 154, Silverton, CO 81433.

THIS SUMMER significant progress should be seen in addressing the water-quality issues in the upper Animas stemming from mine runoff.

The EPA plans to bulkhead the Red & Bonita Mine portal, which will hopefully stop a significant amount of contaminated water from entering Cement Creek.

Meanwhile, the Animas River Stakeholders Group, EPA, BLM, Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment, and Sunnyside Gold Corp. all seem committed to an aggressive timeline to decide on a fix for the problems and implement it. That is likely to include a treatment plant near Gladstone and a repository at the Mayflower tailings site north of Silverton.

The question is, as always, who pays?

Sunnyside Gold Corp., in its Feb. 16 letter to the regulatory agencies, indicated it’s still willing to contribute \$10 million — on the condition of being released from liability.

But the firm also indicated its top priority for the work plans being implemented would be the tailings ponds, which it already

has responsibility for anyway. Suggesting that a big chunk of its \$10 million commitment would be sunk into its own tailings ponds just leaves less for Cement Creek.

Meanwhile, the scope of the ultimate cleanup effort remains unclear and seems open-ended.

We’ve seen a similar mission creep in Creede, where the EPA launched a targeted Superfund site at the Nelson Tunnel. But now the agency has found two more sites in the area it would like to designate.

Thus, while the EPA just a couple of years ago used to point to the Superfund process in Creede as a great success, that’s no longer the case.

I hope a preferred solution for the upper Animas can be agreed upon and implemented in the next couple of years. But even if that happens, it’s going to be nowhere near the end of the road. There will still be a lot more work to be done to stem the metals loading going on above Silverton.



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SKIJORING RESULTS

Saturday, Feb. 14

Skier	Rider	Horse	Adjusted time
Open Class Match			
Bruce Stott	Savannah McCarthy	Tank	17.23
Craig Shreiber	Jeff Dahl	Red Lodge	17.99
Jason Russell	Richie Weber	Derby	17.45
Mike Heatley	Ems Howard	Slick	16.24
Rob Conaty	Tim McCarthy	Sail	18.78
Dan Yeager	Grace Echeverria	Jose	22.16
Gavin DeGraw	Jeff Dahl	Rio	20.34
Tanner Coughlan	Richie Weber	Bucky	18.39
Pavel Trunka	Callie Bradley	Birdman	18.31
Josh Arnold	Krista Lewis	Ruger	17.75
Greg Dahl	Jeff Dahl	Rocket	15.82

Open Class Draw

Rob Conaty	Savannah McCarthy	Tank	16.46
Pavel Trunka	Jeff Dahl	Red Lodge	16.39
Gavin DeGraw	Richie Weber	Derby	17.26
Mike Heatley	Ems Howard	Slick	16.40
Calvin Hinkley	Tim McCarthy	Sail	17.53
Tanner Coughlan	Richie Weber	Bucky	18.39
Greg Dahl	Jeff Dahl	Rio	17.44
Craig Shreiber	Richie Weber	Bucky	17.81
Dan Yeager	Callie Bradley	Birdman	19.24
Jason Russell	Krista Lewis	Ruger	17.82
Bruce Stott	Jeff Dahl	Rocket	16.16

Novice Match

Shawn Merrill	Jeff Dahl	Rage	19.53
Blane Giles	Dason Kremer	Monkey Face	DQ
Josh Hoffman	Jon Sherer	Trigger	22.42
Will Vining	Kyle Matheson	May	24.94
Slater Bootenhoff	Leah Johnson	Rocky	25
Gabe Mondragon	Jasmine Johnson	Diesel	DQ
Zack Tripp	Callie Bradley	Little Blackie	25.12
Bart Mangan	Alia Strong	Mr. Snell	21.33
Alex Vinning	Kim Hopper	Kool Katz	26.87
Nick Coffey	Grace Echeverria	Jack	20.82
Ryan Lee	Savannah McCarthy	Snickers	18.61
Logan James	Cali Kit Campagnola	Snake Mate	23.97

Novice Draw

Blane Giles	Jon Sherer	Trigger	25.08
Slater Bootenhoff	Dason Kremer	Monkey Face	20.07
Nick Coffey	Jeff Dahl	Rage	17.75
Gabe Mondragon	Kyle Matheson	May	23.95
5 Shawn Merrill	Leah Johnson	Rocky	24.82
Josh Hoffman	Jasmine Johnson	Diesel	20.41
Will Vining	Callie Bradley	Little Blackie	20.76
Zack Tripp	Alia Strong	Mr. Snell	18.82
Logan James	Kim Hopper	Kool Katz	23.3
Ryan Lee	Grace Echeverria	Jack	19.6
Bart Mangan	Savannah McCarthy	Snickers	17.06
Alex Vinning	Cali Kit Campagnola	Snake Mate	20.67

Sunday, Feb. 15

Skier	Rider	Horse	Adjusted time
Open Class Match			
Craig Schreiber	Jeff Dahl	Red Lodge	19.1
Jason Russell	Richie Weber	Derby	16.81
Bruce Stott	Savannah McCarthy	Tank	15.54
Josh Hoffman	Jon Sherer	Trigger	23.28
Josh Arnold	Perry for Krista	Ruger	17.92
Gavin DeGraw	Jeff Dahl	Rio	DQ
Mike Heatley	Ems Howard	Slick	17.59
Pavel Trunka	Callie Bradley	Birdman	18.68
Ryan Lee	Richie Weber	Bucky	DQ
Slater Boothaven	Jasmine Johnson	Diesel	DQ
Jayce Cundiff	Sara Howard	Chili	



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Greg Dahl	Jeff Dahl	Rocket	16.34
Calvin Hinkley	Savannah McCarthy	Snickers	19.26
Rob Conaty	Tim McCarthy	Sail	17.63

Open Draw

Bruce Stott	Savannah McCarthy	Snickers	18.35
Josh Arnold	Jeff Dahl	Red Lodge	17.48
Greg Dahl	Richie Weber	Derby	16.34
Jason Russell	Ems Howard	Slick	16.98
Craig Scheibler	Jeff Dahl	Rocket	16.78
Rob Conaty	Savannah McCarthy	Tank	16.8
Mike Heatley	Jon Sherer	Trigger	21.53
Gavin DeGraw	Perry for Krista	Ruger	19.29
Josh Hoffman	Jeff Dahl	Rio	DQ
Calvin Hinkley	Tim McCarthy	Sail	
Slater Bootenhaven	Callie Bradley	Birdman	
Jayce Cundiff	Jasmine Johnson	Diesel	DQ
Pavel Trnka	Sara Howard	Chili	22.15
Ryan Lee	Richie Weber	Bucky	19.91

Novice Match

Shawn Merrill	Jeff Dahl	Rage	35.96
Logan James	Cali Kit Campagnola	Snake Mate	21.1
Nick Coffey	Grace Echeverria	Jack	23.71
Gabe Mondragon	Leah Johnson	Rocky	24.23
Zack Tripp	Alia Strong	Mr. Snell	19.44
Blane Giles	Dason Kremer	Monkey Face	18.87
Logan James	Jeff Dahl	Rage	18.63
Nick Coffey	Cali Kit Campagnola	Snake Mate	21.13
Shawn Merrill	Grace Echeverria	Jack	26.65
Gabe Mondragon	Alia Strong	Mr. Snell	25.88
Blane Giles	Leah Johnson	Rocky	DNF
Zack Tripp	Dason Kremer	Monkey Face	17.7



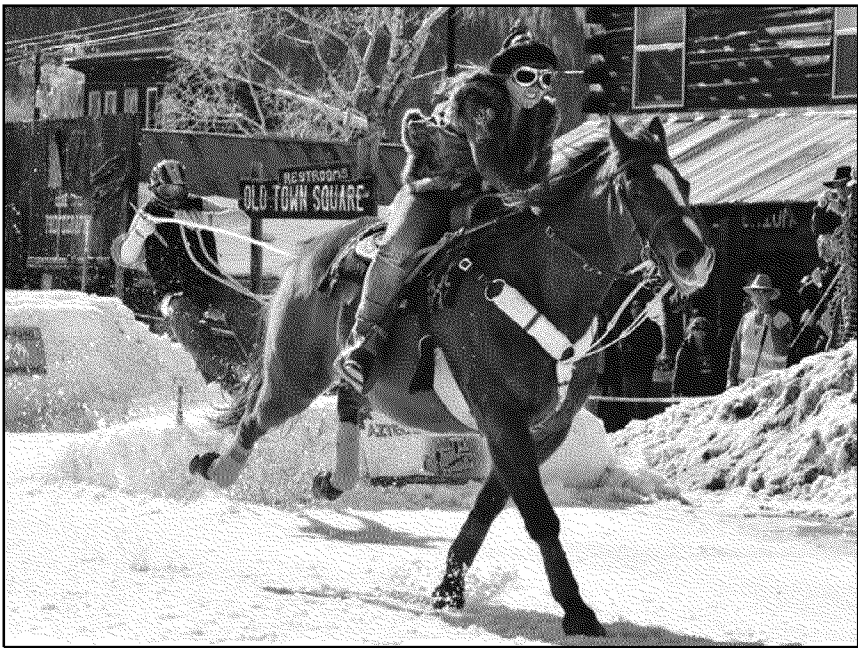
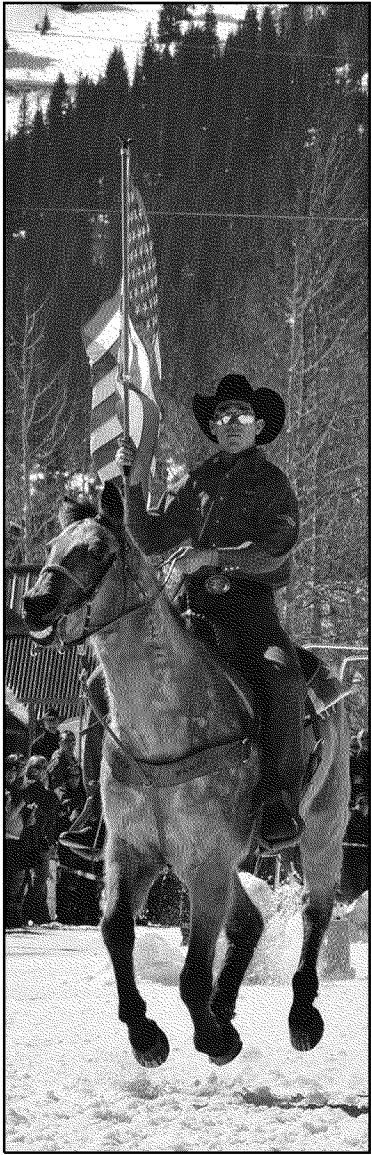
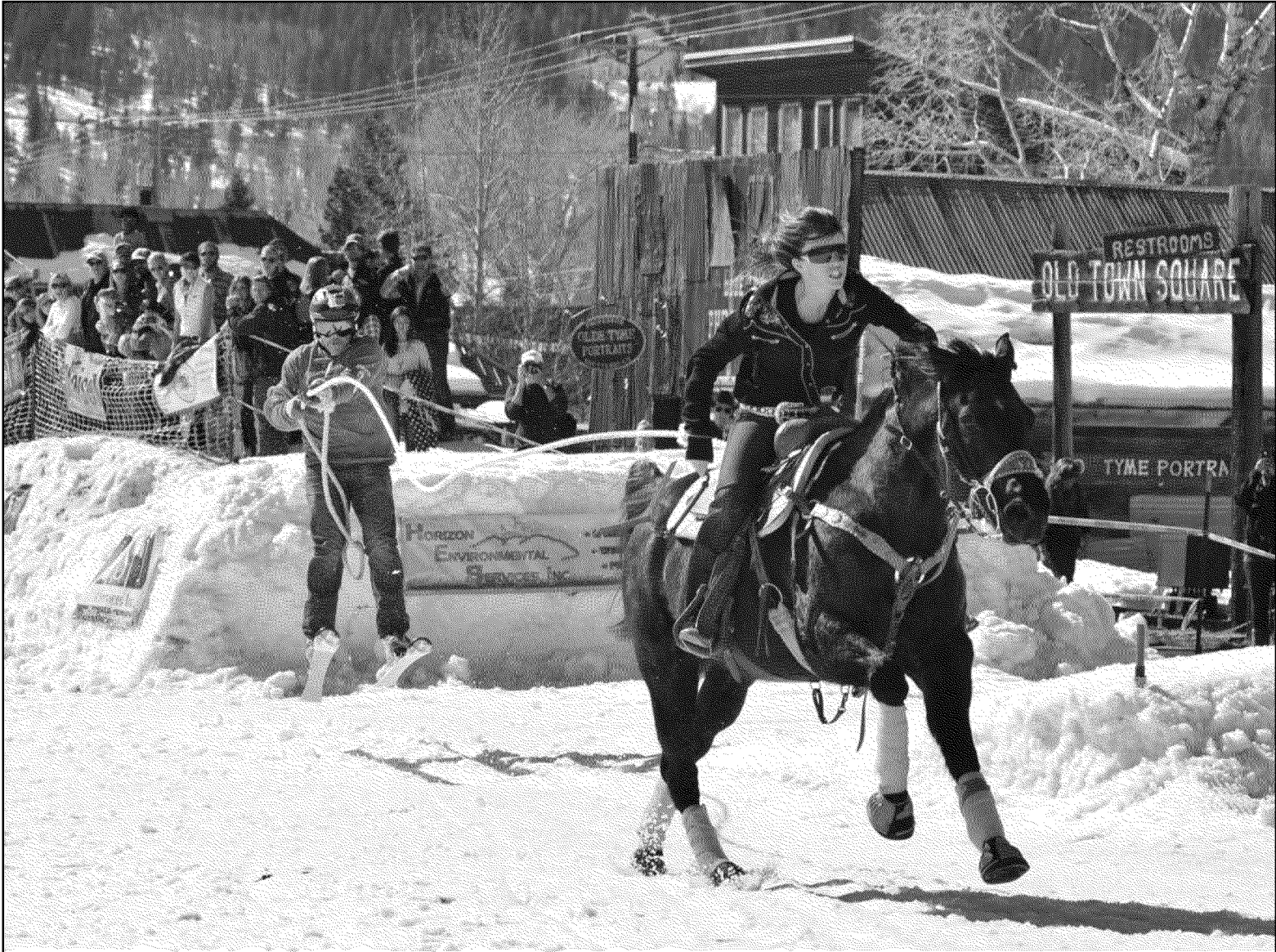
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Silverton Science Fair

Thursday, February 19th at 5:30 PM in the PAC

All are welcome to attend and see the great projects from our middle and high school students.

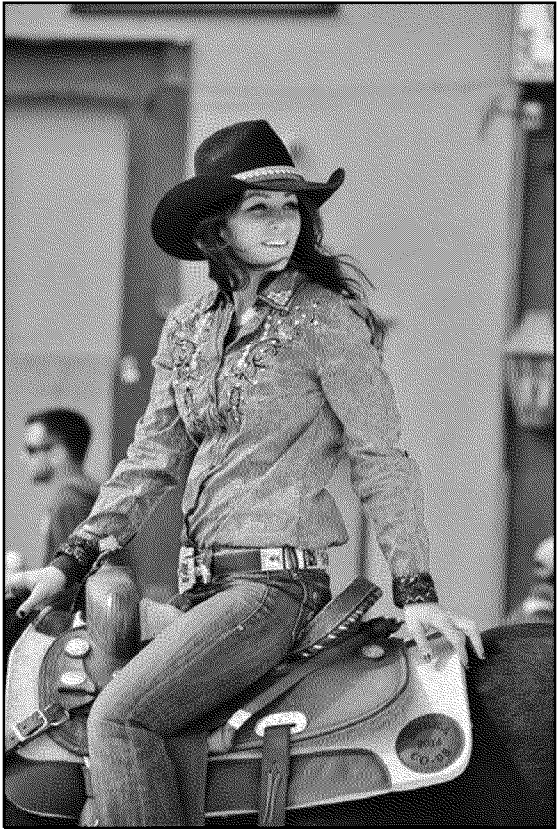
Judges needed, please contact Paul Joyce at 387-5544

Check out at silverton school



Skijoring Scenes

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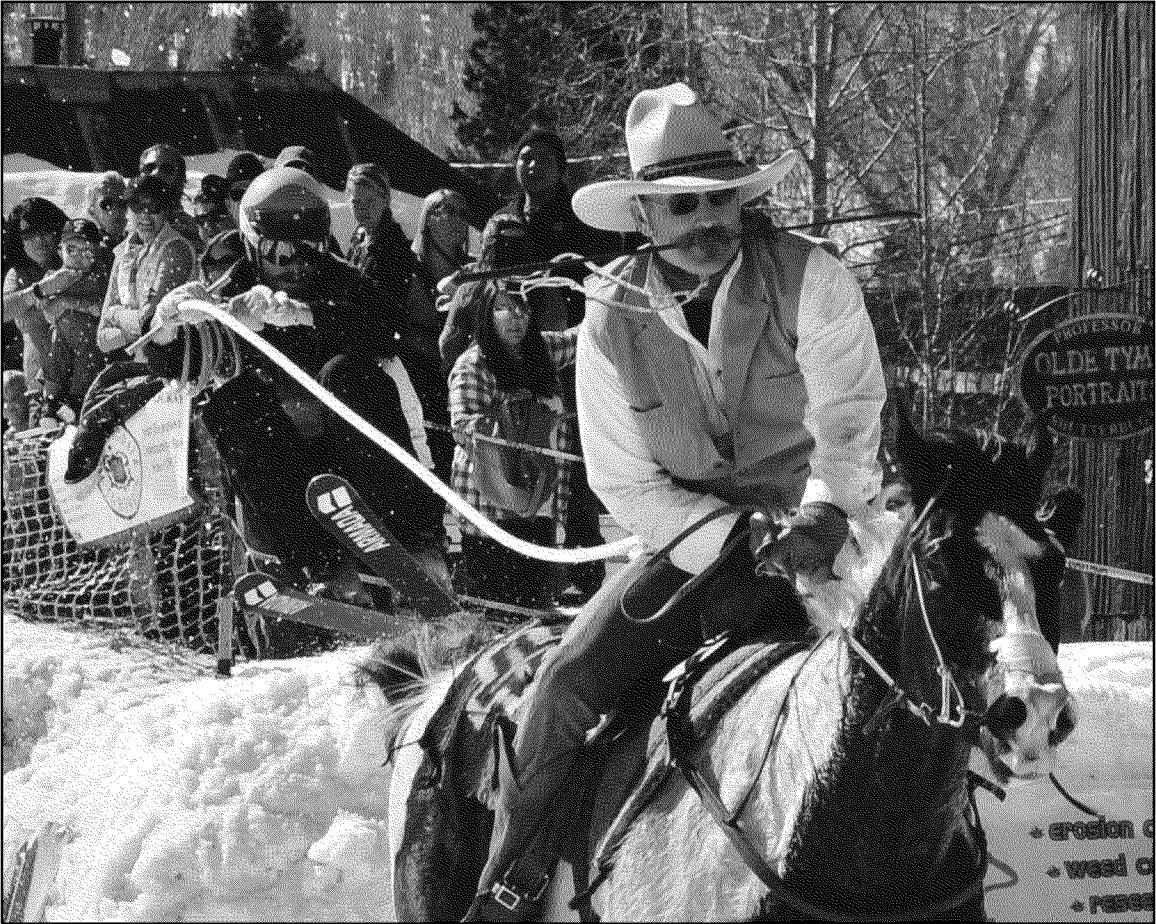
TACO DINNER

COMMUNITY AUCTION ITEMS

\$8 DONATION

SILVERTON SCHOOL PAC (DOWNSTAIRS)

1 TICKET





ABOVE: Skier Nick Coffey careens out of control after crashing on Saturday during the Silverton Skijoring Festival. He was being pulled by horseman Jeff Dahl. Jerry Lyle/Silverton Standard & the Miner



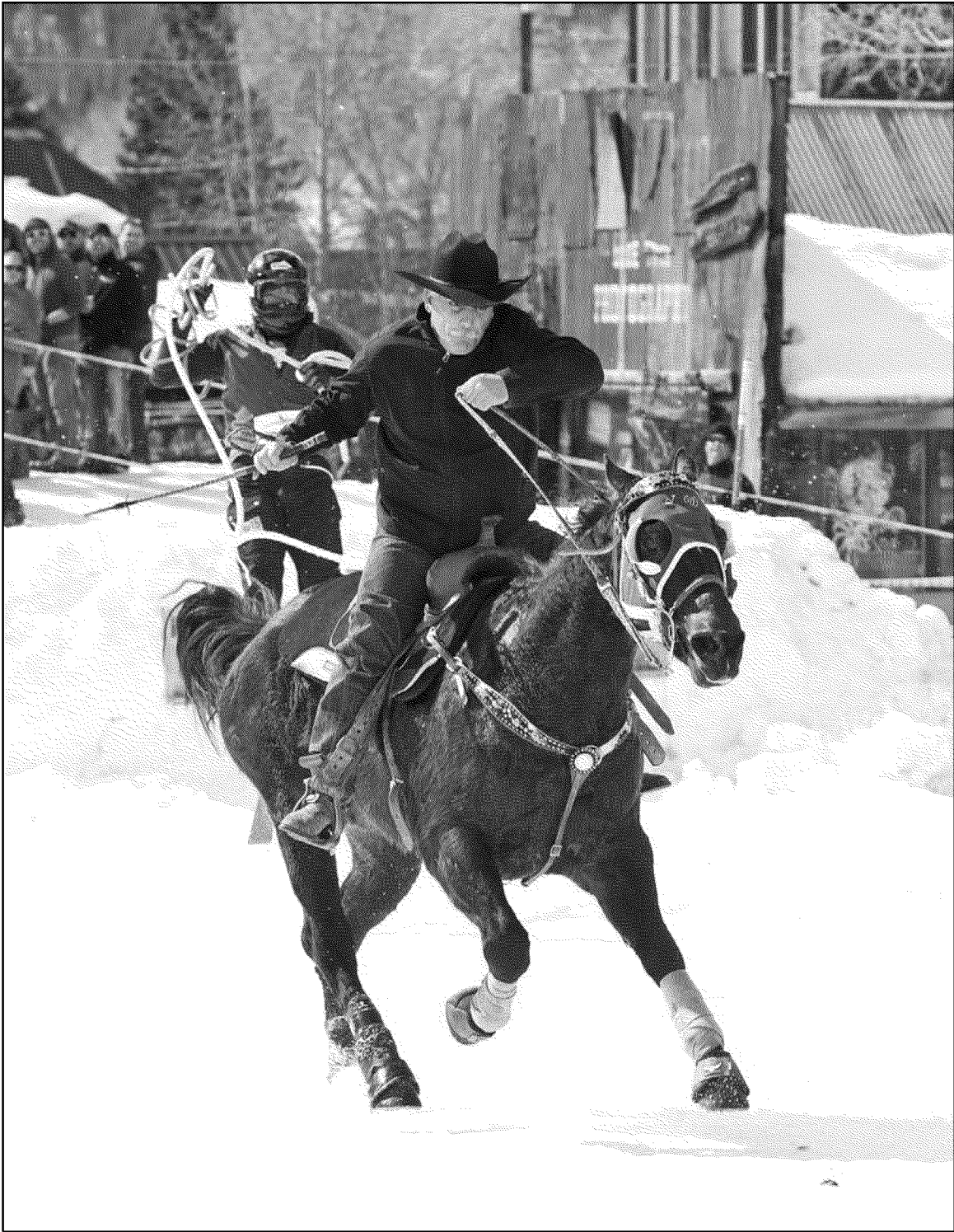
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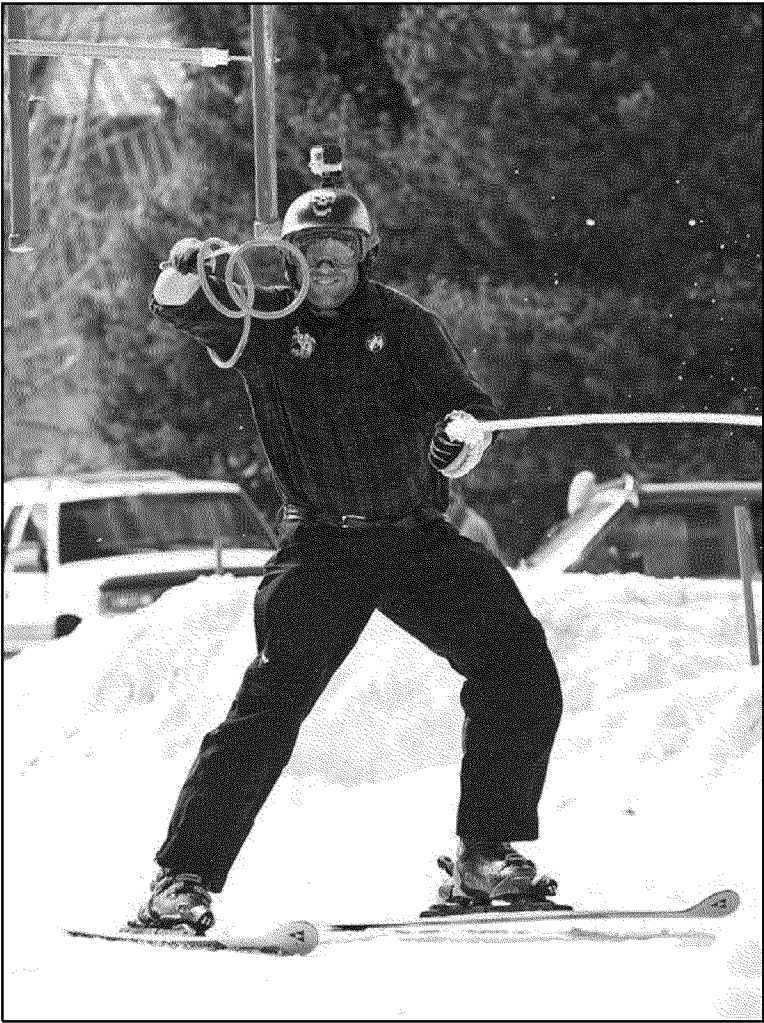


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Taco dinner, silent auction Feb. 26 for middle school

Silverton School students and families will be serving up a delicious dinner (\$8) along with a community silent auction next week.

The dinner and auction will be held from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at the school's Performing Arts Center.

Auction items are expected to range from services like shoveling, cleaning and cooking to themed parties, ski lessons and artwork. Barz Decorative Hardware will donate custom hardware for a piece of furniture that needs an update. The auction will celebrate parents, artisans, business owners, cooks, bakers,

musicians and volunteers that make Silverton a great place to live.

Coffee vote tallied

Last Friday, Feb. 13, Mobius and Avalanche donated their finest drip coffees for a coffee tasting at Silverton Mountain.

Skiers happily downed six pots of coffee and purchased baked goods netting \$250 for Silverton School. Silverton Mountain generously matched that amount, getting students \$500 closer to their fieldwork fundraising goal.

Most coffee drinkers simply said "ahh" and hurried on. But for those that took the time to taste both coffees, votes were about equal between the two brews. We don't have a numer-

ical figure here because Mobius provided twice as much coffee, and many tasters didn't have a chance to try the Avalanche coffee. Every single taster noticed a distinct difference between the coffees. Here is a summary of the comments:

Avalanche Cafe Drip Coffee:

- Stronger
- A bit nutty
- Darker
- More acidic
- More after taste
- Most appropriate for cold ski days
- Good with cream

Mobius Cafe Drip Coffee:

- More Flavor
- Lighter
- Smoother
- Delicious

Skijoring Scenes

ABOVE: An unidentified woman snowboards up Blair Street, towed by a snowmobile.

LEFT: On the Bent Elbow balcony are, from left, Silverton videographer Mark Hall, Lacey Black, the event announcer, and at right Pete Maisel, organizer of the Silverton Skijoring Festival.

LETTERS, from Page 2

Garcia needs to go as town administrator

Editor;

Well the recall lost, not fair and square, but it lost. Now we are supposed to be healing. It is my belief that there will never be any healing as long as Mr. Garcia is working for the town.

To have a town administrator tell the *Durango Herald* that there would be a raft of resignations of employees if Patty Dailey won is very unprofessional and wrong. He had the new clerk-treasurer so concerned about how horrible Patty was that she supposedly decided that she wasn't coming here if she won. This is so wrong. How is this representing all of us?

After the election was over and we were supposed to be "healing," Mr. Garcia stated to a fireman that the fire department is hated in this community and they need to reach out to the community. This is just so stupid and mean. Mr. Garcia does not live here and has no way of knowing how the fire department touches the community.

At the board meeting, the town planner stated very emotionally that he never said that he would quit and that he works for the whole community. This is what we need in this community.

Another Town Hall employee told Ms. Dailey that she did not say that either. Mr. Garcia obviously only cares about the few who are always in and out of his office, not the whole of the community. We don't really need an interim-administrator.

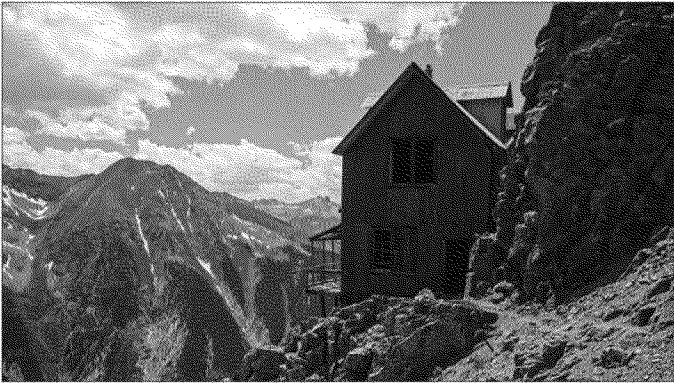
Nothing has been accomplished since he has been here except that we are severely divided. We have the auditor doing our books, we have payroll done in Durango, we have accounts payable done somewhere, Alamosa, I think, the water bills are all screwed up and very late anyway.

I think the reason for the rule that employees/contractors are not allowed to take gifts over \$50, is because it gives the appearance that by excepting free rent from the mayor, there is a conflict of interest. Perhaps if Patty had given him the room over the Brown Bear for free, maybe she would have been held in higher esteem.

Time to say goodbye to Mr. Garcia, healing will not come quick but will be quicker without him stirring up the pot.

— Claudia Moe, Silverton

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Ray Dileo/Silverton Standard & the Miner

The Silverton Classic Fun Race at Kendall Mountain Ski Area drew nearly 100 racers on Saturday, Feb. 14

Nearly 100 racers compete at Kendall

The Silverton Classic Fun race didn't have the excitement of horses and jumps happening on Blair Street, but that didn't mean it was lacking in daring skiing or great racing.

The Silverton Ski Team hosted almost 100 racers at Kendall on a turny, giant slalom course down the face of the lift line. It brought racers from Lake City, Durango Mountain Resort, Wolf Creek, and many Silvertonians together for some healthy competition.

Couples also competed for a \$50 cash prize and \$25 gift certificate to Montanya.

"This successful race was the result of many generous people contributing time, money and energy," said coach Sallie Barney. "Our win was the team effort put forth" by these individuals:

Jim and Tiesha Weller
Anthony and Jane Edwards
Amy Swonger
Cassandra Roof
Paul and Becky Joyce
Deanna Clauson
Kevin and Tiffany deKay
Hannah deKay
Mike Barney
Megan McGrath
Cody Braford and Ivy Lefebvre
Chris Gober
Bil Alsup
Malcolm MacDougall and his crew
Jon Allen

The excellent visiting racers and their coaches and parents

Thanks to all of the spectators for cheering and supporting your local racers. See you in 2016!

Bib #	4-6 Girls	Run 1	Run 2	Combined Time				
Silverton	Ameila Edwards	41.54	46.89	88.43				
2	Eileen McManus	58.73	34.15	92.88				
3	Eden Glaser	52:48.0	76.25	182.37				
	4-6 Boys							
Silverton	Quinn Joyce	39.22	36.88	76.1				
6	Elliot Trantum	41.08	38.06	79.14				
7	Owen Erwin	90.32		90.32				
	7-8 Girls							
15	Edie Erwin	33.04	30.84	63.88				
13	Grace Trantum	35.92	31.81	67.73				
Silverton	Mylah Gallegos	39.54	33.88	73.42				
12	Sofia Gallagher	39.01	36.43	75.44				
14	Jordan Meninger	42.33	35.08	77.41				
16	Myla Glaser	51.74	53.1	104.84				
24	Rowan McNeese	65.1	41.57	106.67				
11	Eden Connor	63.07	44.47	107.54				
Silverton	Jaque Acosta	50.22	DNS	DNS				
Silverton	Karely Ortega	55.44	DSQ	DSQ				
	7-8 Boys							
27	Zach Oliver	26.7	26.81	53.51				
29	Holden Bronson	29.19	29.2	58.39				
25	Corbin Horrocks	32.05	32.7	64.75				
26	Koda Kiser	35.43	30.3	65.73				
28	Kaden Kunz	35.26	33.35	68.61				
Silverton	Kai Clauson	35.24	34.08	69.32				
Silverton	T Vanlandingham	38.73	34.83	73.56				
Silverton	Nolan Swonger	42.33	36.27	78.6				
20	Ben O'neal	46.91	35.48	82.39				
23	Liam Ellithorpe	DSQ	31.54	DSQ				
	9-10 Girls							
Silverton	Kharis Weller	31.47	30.33	61.8				
Silverton	Ariel Gallegos	30.91	31.82	62.73				
33	Ruth A Morehouse	32.79	32.81	65.6				
Silverton	M. Egizio-Hughes	32.73	33.08	65.81				
35	Zoe Ramsey	35.36	34.03	69.39				
36	Kyra Kiser	31.55	DSQ	DSQ				
	9-10 Boys							
46	Timothy Hittle	26.09	27.36	53.45				
40	Richard Fiedler	27.31	28.01	55.32				
45	David Morehouse	27.61	28.08	55.69				
41	Sam Meyers	30.54	28.13	58.67				
44	Trent Connor	29.11	30.12	59.23				
Silverton	Paton Edwards	29.91	30.08	59.99				
48	Andrew Bowles	31.78	31.05	62.83				
49	Cam Nimetz	32.17	31.82	63.99				
Silverton	Soren B-Lefebvre	31.59	33.12	64.71				
42	Scott Higgins	35.25	32.52	67.77				
43	Jaden McNeese	49.21	30.27	79.48				
47	Jack Hittle	40.81	41.01	81.82				
	11-12 Girls							
Silverton	Emily DeKay	26.86	26.82	53.68				
52	River R Pitcher	26.89	26.93	53.82				
Silverton	Raja B -Lefebvre	29.33	28.47	57.8				
34	Angela McManus	31.4	29.89	61.29				
Silverton	Bear Roof	37.46	26.26	63.72				
Silverton	Sierra Marshall	37.45	36.75	74.2				
53	Mercy Stoker	38.2	39.44	77.64				
	11-12 Boys							
55	Nathan Smith	24.28	24.78	49.06				
57	Davis Parker	29.8	28.64	58.44				
Silverton	Aiden Swonger	30.26	29.83	60.09				
56	Nick Roth	DSQ		DSQ				
	13-18 Girls							
Silverton	Ellie Gober	23.47	23.5	46.97				
62	Annabelle Bowles	25.81	26.44	52.25				
59	Molly Burkesmith	27.63	26.53	54.16				
58	Syree Gunnels	31.86	31.19	63.05				
	13-18 Boys							
67	Ian Roth	22.84	45.58					
Silverton	Blaze B-Lefebvre	24.99	24.08	49.07				
68	Hans Lippur	26.49	24.81	51.3				
70	Tad Hittle	26.8	27.55	54.35				
69	Jason Foutz	29.12	27.55	56.67				
65	K R O'Connor	29.54	30.05	59.59				
Silverton	Malachy Swonger	63.42	26.55	89.97				
66	Connor Bjork	DSQ		DSQ				
	19-60 Women							
80	Stacy Falk	23.83	23.95	47.78				
Silverton	Sallie Barney	24.72	24.12	48.84				
Silverton	Ivy B. Lefebvre	28.83	27.39	56.22				
78	KO Morehouse	29.69	30.01	59.7				
Silverton	Amy Swonger	29.95	30.1	60.05				
Silverton	Megan McGrath	32.02	30.5	62.52				
79	Nikki Horrocks	32.11	32.6	64.71				
81	Anita Boul	32.92	32.09	65.01				
Silverton	Deanna Clauson	33.61	32.21	65.82				
83	Elizabeth Kunz	35.38	33.13	68.51				
77	Hope Stoker	32.18	37.75	69.93				
	Snowboarders							
86	Thomas Nichols	33.11	32.6	65.71				
89	Ethan Wuest	33.62	34.04	67.66				
Silverton	Bowen Coates	41.03	39.22	80.25				
88	Gabe Murphy	44.93	48.87	93.8				
Silverton	Erland Rayos	42.21	DNS	DNS				
	19-60 Men							
Silverton	Mike Barney	21.28	20.81	42.09				
94	Henry Woods	24.4	24.43	48.83				
99	Ken Bowles	28.2	27.56	55.76				
98	Fran McManis	28.26	29.37	57.63				
95	Aaron Horrocks	35.55	35.15	70.7				
97	Eric Hittle	27.53	110.27	137.8				
96	Thomas Olson	19.6	DSQ	DSQ				
93	Dean Sell	DSQ	23.54	DSQ				
	Couples Race							
	Stacy Falk and Tom Olson	23.83	19.6	43.43				
Silverton	Sallie and Mike Barney	24.12	20.81	44.93				
Silverton	Malachy and Amy Swonger	26.55	29.95	56.5				
Silverton	Cody, Ivy Braford-Lefebvre	31.68	27.39	59.07				
	Anita and Ken Bowles	32.09	27.56	59.65				
Silverton	Deanna C Megan McGrath	32.21	30.5	62.71				
79	Nikki and Aaron Horrocks	32.11	35.15	67.26				
	Telemark Men							
84	Gabe McNeese	29.78	29.82	59.6				
Silverton	Cody Braford Lefevure	31.68	32.1	63.78				

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participating and voting in council meetings via telephone.

Zanoni pointed to the “frequently asked questions” section of Roberts Rules of Order, which is the procedure the Town Council has adopted in its bylaws.

The FAQ section at robertsrules.com states “you may hold board meetings by conference telephone call only if your bylaws specifically authorize you to do so.”

And Zanoni pointed out that is not the case with the Silverton Town Council bylaws.

Zanoni questioned the validity of two roll call votes taken at the Town Council’s Jan. 26 meeting.

The votes, to appoint a new Town Council member, both ended in 3-3 ties.

Malcolm MacDougall participated in those votes via telephone, since he was home with the flu.

“Was the vote valid or not?” Zanoni asked.

MacDougall said that he “was told by the town attorney and administrator that he did not have to stumble in” to be present at the meeting.

MacDougall said that the objection to his taking part by phone “shows a lack of compassion to an elected official.”

Town Trustee Larry Gallegos took exception to that.

“I had two kidney stones and I was here,” Gallegos said. “I don’t think it’s lacking compassion.”

Trustee Safranski said it’s a moot point now and she pointed out no objection was raised that night.

“If that were the only Roberts Rule we ever violated it might be worth discussing, but it isn’t,” Safranski said. “There have been many cases of us not following Roberts Rules. I would prefer to have a council member by phone if they can do it. I would rather have more hands than fewer.”

Safranski said the Town Council has conducted such votes many times in the past but she’d like to get an opinion from the town attorney.

“If I would have known we were in violation on Jan. 26 I would have called B.S. on it,” Zanoni said. “Either we’re going to follow the rules or we’re not.”

Zanoni said that an applicant

for the Town Council seat might have a legitimate challenge to that vote.

“We are governing in the 21st century,” MacDougall said. “We could have Chris on a monitor via Skype.”

MacDougall was referring to the fact that Mayor Chris Tookey was absent from the Feb. 11 meeting and was participating by phone.

“Roberts Rules of Order are still valid,” Gallegos said.

The council agreed to discuss the matter at its next meeting.

Later in the Feb. 11 meeting, two roll-call votes were conducted with Mayor Chris Tookey voting by telephone.

No objection was raised by any council member.

John Sites has been appointed public works director for the town of Silverton. He replaces Gilbert Archuleta, who was terminated last summer.

Town Hall also reports that Michelle Hamilton, deputy town clerk in La Jara, Colo., will start work as Silverton’s town clerk in early March.

Garcia, who was brought in as interim administrator after former administrator Brian Carlson was terminated by the Town Council in a 4-3 vote in September, acknowledged having a discussion last week with Town Council members David Zanoni and Pete Maisel, both of whom also serve on the volunteer fire department.

Garcia said he told them that “you guys have fire authority hats and town board hats” and he criticized what he called “continued antics” with the fire department in a “plot to bring Gilbert Archuleta back (as town public works director) without publicly admitting it.

“I said there are people in the community that hate the fire authority, not the community itself” and he said he suggested more outreach from the fire department.

Garcia expressed disappointment that the conversation was apparently spread and was brought up in a letter to the editor of the *Standard*.

He said fire department officials “continue to operate in this kind of vacuum amongst their own walls and I called them out on it.”

parked just as neatly as you please in front of the depot.

That’s railroadin’.

65 Years ago

From the February 17, 1950 edition of the *Silverton Standard & the Miner*:

FIRST BADGER FIGHT IN TEN YEARS.

Over two hundred and forty sports fans crowded their way into City Hall Tuesday night to witness the first badger fight held here in more than ten years. The fight was sponsored by the Silverton Fire Department.

55 Years Ago

From the Feb. 19, 1960 edition of the *Silverton Standard & the Miner*:

SCHOOL REOPENS; BAN ON PUBLIC MEETINGS LIFTED.

School was resumed in Silverton yesterday as the ban on public gatherings imposed last week was lifted. School attendance was near normal and all but one teacher were able to return to the classroom. The recent flu epidemic caused some absenteeism in the area and one day most of the Treasury Tunnel crew from Silverton was ill.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Laws of Colorado, Golden Block Brewery, LLC DBA Golden Block Brewery, P.O. Box 657, Silverton Colorado has requested the license authority of The Town of Silverton A Brew Pub license at 1227 GREENE STREET, Silverton Colorado. A public hearing will be held on March 9th, 2015 at 7:30p.m., In the Town Hall assembly room 1360 GREENE STREET to consider the application at said time and place any interested party may appear to be heard either for or against the granting of this application. Written comment on the application should be filed with office of Town Clerk by 5:00 p.m. Thursday March 5, 2015.

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TOWN OF SILVERTON BUSINESS UPDATE

The Town of Silverton is reminding businesses that Business License renewals were due by January 31, 2015, and Lodging Tax fees are due the 15th of each month. Please submit business license renewal applications and lodging tax fees to the Town Hall as soon as possible. Please contact Town Hall with any questions. Thank you.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Silverton will hold a special election in order to fill one vacant Board of Trustee seat. Interested eligible electors must obtain a petition at Town Hall, obtain 10 signatures from registered voters and return the completed petition by February 27, 2015. The election is a mail ballot election and is scheduled for May 12, 2015.

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SAN JUAN COUNTY, COLORADO PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

San Juan County Board of Commissioners
Sketch Plan Review – Wilcox Lode MS 19335
March 11, 2015

The County of San Juan hereby gives notice of a hearing to receive public comment regarding a Sketch Plan application for an Improvement Permit on the Wilcox Lode in the Red Mountain Mining District. The owner/applicant, Flaugh Family Trust, is seeking approval to construct a 2-story, 2-bedroom/1-bath cabin and accessory building on the site. The property is located adjacent to Congress Creek and County Road 14 east of Red Mountain Pass within the Mountain Zoning District. The Board of County Commissioners will review the proposal at a regular meeting that begins at 8:30 AM, Wednesday, March 11, 2015 in the San Juan County Courthouse, Commissioners’ Meeting Room at 1557 Greene Street, Silverton.

NOTICE is further given that all persons may appear and present oral and written testimony regarding the Sketch Plan prior to, or at the public hearing. Interested persons may review the application at the Planning Department in Silverton Town Hall, 1360 Greene Street or they may call 970-387-5522, Ext. 16 during regular business hours. Written comments should be directed to Bob Nevins, Town/County Planner, Town of Silverton, P.O. Box 250, Silverton, CO 81433.

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appropriate for all ages and there is no cover.

If you like what you see, weekly classes are again available Tuesdays nights at 6:30 p.m. at Silverton Soulworks, 1212 Greene St. For more information visit www.calderabellydance.com.

Business licenses were due Jan. 31

Town officials remind business licenses were due as of Jan. 31, and that lodging tax is due the 15th of each even if it is a zero amount.

Commodities to be distributed Feb 24

Commodities distribution will occur on Tuesday, Feb. 24, from 1-3 p.m. in the basement of the Miners Union Hospital.

Eligibility for this service must be determined prior to receiving the commodities. Any interested family needing an eligibility determination may stop by the Social Services office at the courthouse from 9 a.m. to noon on Feb 24.

Call Krissy Rhoades at 387-5631 for more information.

Metal Prices	
Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2015	
GOLD	1201.00
SILVER	16.31
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COPPER	2.6026
NICKEL	6.3949
ZINC	0.9390
LEAD	0.8092

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Help available to stay warm this winter

Energy Outreach Colorado has awarded San Juan County with a \$16,000 grant. This grant is to help cover costs of coal, electric, firewood, natural gas, oil, propane, and solid fuel pellets.

You must meet the eligibility criteria to be considered for this program, which includes applying for LEAP first if you are LEAP eligible. If you are not LEAP eligible you can just apply for the EOC grant.

Anyone interested in this program can come by the Social Services office or call Krissy Rhoades at 387-5631 to get an application.

LEAP began on Nov. 1, 2014 and runs through April. Applications are available at the Social Services Office.

To pick up an application or to find out what the eligibility requirements are come by the office or call Krissy Rhoades at 387-5631 with any questions.

Clinic days scheduled

The Silverton clinic at Miners Union Hospital will be open today, and on March 5, 12 and on April 2.

“Death notices for delinquent subscribers will not be inserted.”
— an extract from the *Gladstone Kibosh*, January 5, 1901

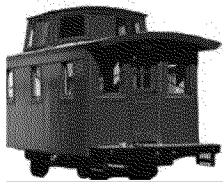
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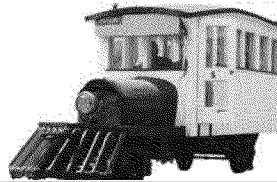
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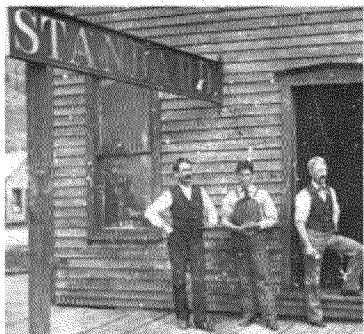
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Thursday, February 19, 2015

"The Past is not dead. In fact, it's not even past." — William Faulkner

WAY BACK!



125 Years Ago

From the February 22, 1890 edition of the *Silverton Standard*:
TRAIN SANDWICHED BETWEEN 2 SLIDES.

We have had no Durango train the last two days. From last accounts it was in the canyon sandwiched between two slides. This is the toughest railroad sandwich on record. The mail has been coming in regularly and passengers going out have to walk three miles to meet the cars.

The new Shay locomotive ordered by the Silverton railroad last fall will be here by the middle of April. At least that is what the builders promise. These locomotives are built especially for steep grades, and the builders say she will easily pull seven loaded cars up to the summit.

Robrig & Kramer turned their sheep out last week, upon Boulder mountain, which was entirely bare of snow. On Tuesday morning, when it commenced snowing, Will Fancher and Frank Deputy went up to bring them to town. They found the sheep considerably scattered and in rounding them up ran upon a mountain lion. This was another sample of what strange things we see when we have no gun. The lion was within 100 feet of them but went off quietly up the mountain as soon as he saw them. The sheep were brought to town and are now in Louis Wyman's corral being fattened up on alfalfa previous to being interviewed in the slaughter house.

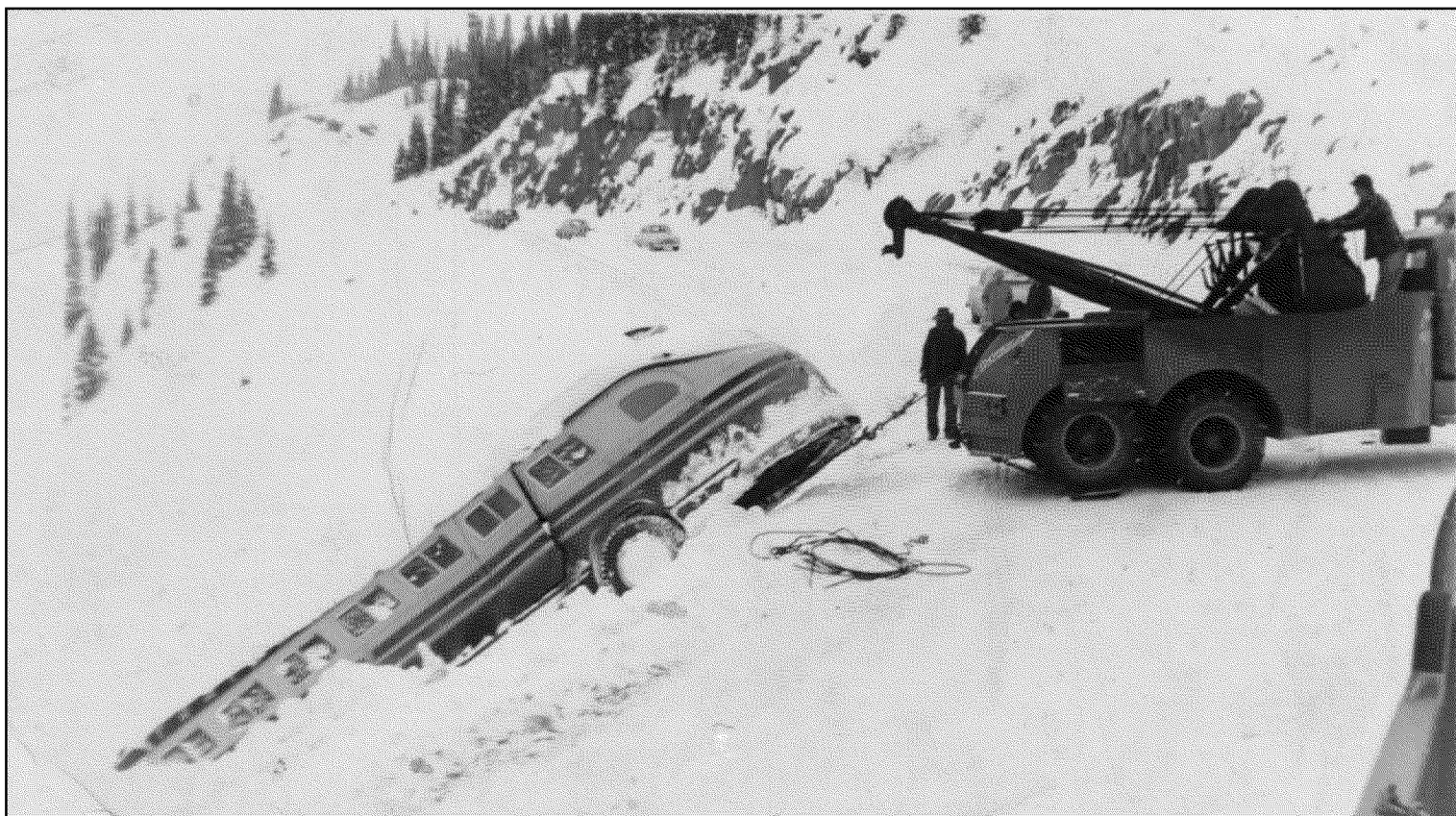
70 Years ago

From the February 23, 1945 edition of the *Silverton Standard & the Miner*:

CAR SWEEP OFF ROAD BY SNOWSLIDE.

C.J. Diller, owner of the Lode

Bus plunGe, feB. 18, 1955



San Juan County Historical Society photos

A wrecker recovers a Continental Trailways bus after it was hit by an avalanche and knocked off of U.S. 550 above Silverton on Friday, Feb. 18, 1955, 60 years ago.

60 Years ago

From the February 25, 1955 edition of the *Silverton Standard & the Miner*:

BUS HIT BY SLIDE. 'THIS IS AS FAR AS WE GO.'

Silverton came in for nation-

al publicity this week when a snow slide south of town struck a northbound Continental Trailways bus, carrying the vehicle a hundred feet down the steep rock mountainside.

The accident, which occurred last Friday at the Champion slide, has been termed by local people as a "freak." It is the first time a slide has struck a moving vehicle on this great mountain highway between Ouray and Durango.

Vehicles have been carried

away by slides when parked in such areas but this is said to be the first time an accident like this has happened in this area.

... Two of the passengers, Fireman Paul McDonald and Alfonzo Roy of Silverton, probably were as deeply impressed as any of the passengers for they know the great force of a snowslide and the area over which the bus was traveling. McDonald said he had been at ease as the bus glided along the scenic, snow covered area

of the road where the first good glimpse of Silverton may be had. He was counting the minutes when he would see home again and embrace his parents. All of a sudden, said McDonald, the bus was turned sharply to the right and started its descent down the mountainside.

About the time Paul thought the end has surely arrived, the bus came to an abrupt halt. He said to himself and the driver "this is as far as we go."

Theatre in Silverton, narrowly escaped death last Sunday night when his stalled car was swept over the embankment at a point where the Blue Point slide crosses the road between the Kohler and Treasury Tunnels.

Mr. Diller left Silverton in a blizzard hoping to reach Ouray before the road became impassable. He encountered no trouble until starting down Red Mountain toward the Treasury Tunnel. Deepening snow drifts slowed his progress and eventually he was stuck. Leaving the car, he walked back to the Kohler Tunnel where he found shelter from the cold.

Monday morning he returned

to the car and found it missing. Snowplows clearing the road were unable to uncover it since the Blue Point slide had carried it off during the night. The car was not found until Tuesday when members of the road crew spotted it, hundreds of feet below.

Had Mr. Diller remained with the vehicle until morning his fate would have been sealed in one of the worst storms of the winter, which was doubly disastrous because of high winds.

SHERIFF PATTERSON DIES THURSDAY.

Fred Patterson, probably one of

the best known residents of the an Juan Basin and sheriff of San Juan County for the past nine years, died at the San Juan Hospital early Thursday morning. Fred had been in ill health for several months, however it was not until January 9 that he submitted to hospitalization. Death has been attributed to a heart ailment and complications.

Fred Patterson, son of a pioneer family was a life-long resident of Colorado. He was born at Le Veta, Colorado on March 5, 1882. While still a boy he moved with his parents to the San Juan country. He attended the Silverton school. In 1922 he was married

to Myrtle Graham who preceded him in death.

GALLOPING GOOSE LOOSE.

From the Rio Grande Green Light

Anyone who accuses the Rio Grande Southern of operating its far-famed passenger unit, the "Galloping Goose," without crews in order to cut expenses is exaggerating.

The truth of the matter is that

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Looking Back

20 Years Ago February 16, 1995

The Silverton Handcrafters and Artists Guild held annual elections last Friday. Kyle Roberts was elected president, Mike Geryak vice-president, Nancy Norman treasurer, Judy Fischer secretary, and Jack Stern, member at large.

25 Years Ago February 15, 1990

Is gambling the cure-all to Silverton's present and future economic woes? There are some people who think so and the town board was asked Monday

night to consider endorsing the inclusion of Silverton in a group of depressed mining communities asking that the state approve low-stakes gambling for them.

30 Years Ago February 14, 1985

The Variety Show this Saturday at the French Bakery is an event not to be missed. About 30 of Silverton's finest will be presenting a variety of acts, including the Singing Chipmunks, tap dancer, an exotic strip tease, a short play, a dramatic poetry reading by a well-known butcher, the old cast of "This Here is Silverton" singing from the finale, bluegrass music, musical saws, a duet by a local editor and his wife, etc. All this

for only \$1.50 for adults, 75 cents for children.

Steven "Radar" Dailey has returned to town after finishing up his three year stint in the navy.

35 Years Ago February 14, 1980

Silverton Mayor Art Francisco ... convened Monday's meeting of the Town Board under the light of four two-mantle Coleman lanterns ... The power outage was, in fact, caused by a 17,000 volt line that had parted in Bertramsville. With the exception of the Christ of the Mines Shrine, the entire town was blacked out for about three hours. ...

Tom Zanoni addressed the

board concerning the possibility of constructing the proposed new town barn in such a manner that eventually an emergency services building could be added ...

For a building site, both the emergency services people present and the board felt that the county should be contacted to determine if property adjacent to the county barn could be used.

The annual Ski Kendall expedition took place last Saturday with Steve Garrett, Bill Corwin and Ken Safranski making the trip, a grueling five hour climb. Terry Morris was to take the trip also, but the moon was in the wrong phase.

It's Cabin Fever Time! Shake the

moths out of your longjohns and come out and party! Saturday, February 16. Zhivago's, cocktail hour, 4-6; French Bakery, lasagna, salad, garlic bread, glass of wine, \$3.25, 6-8; Avon Hotel, Keg-O-Beer, 50 cents, dance con- test, 8-10.

40 Years Ago February 21, 1974

Gerald Swanson was re-elected president of the Silverton Chamber of Commerce when it met here last Wednesday. Others elected to year-long posts were: Margaret Weems, vice-president; Ruth Ward, treasurer; Jo Cundiff, secretary; Herb Schwartz, manager; and Bob Wyman, Alfred Klinker and Roy Lancaster, all directors.